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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Japanese patent document listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. The patent document was recently cited in the enclosed Korean Office Action, which is dated November 28, 2005. A copy of the Office Action and the foreign patent document cited in the Office Action also are enclosed.

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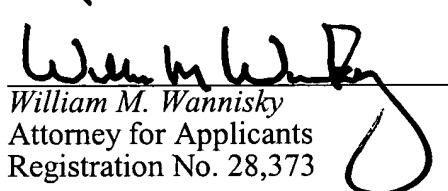
It is respectfully requested that the cited patent document be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent document has been considered.

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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